

Small Group Discussion Questions

Clarendon County

What is occurring in your community which addresses these responsibilities and areas for action?

- Collaboration of high schools with career center/adult education
- Parent educators work closely with adult education/schools/families
- Technology
- Political support
- Partnerships (i.e. SRD's in schools, job shadowing, health care-dental, faith based organizations)
- County, schools, and FE DuBose providing facilities
- Churches (faith community) bringing in technology opportunities
- Nationally Certified Teachers (large numbers, large pool of teachers with longevity in system)

What are the critical barriers to fulfilling the commitment in your community?

- Poverty
- Availability of jobs
- Transportation (bus, public)
- Certified/highly qualified personnel
- Funding ("focused")
- Parental Support/involvement
- Definition of 'community' (and issues)
- Equity
- Taking advantage of educational opportunity
- Every child has different support systems. Some negative. Poverty of children creating barriers. Male role models not in abundance.

List the 5 most important things your community can do to address the responsibilities of Common Ground.

- Meetings to communicate
- Public relations (positive)
- Community use of facilities
- Collaboration among all stakeholders in planning and developing
- Encourage involvement
- Integrity of the family unit. (Participating in Education of student)
- Religion placed in education (Christian Background)
- Education Readiness begins at home. Parents are 1st teachers
- State funding needs to be re-appropriated to areas that may get larger results (i.e. moving proficient students to advance)
- Teach critical thinking/not PACT test

List the 5 most important things you as an individual can do to address the responsibilities of Common Ground.